

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Brent Keeth  
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Filed : Concurrently herewith  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA COMPRESSION IN MEMORY  
DEVICES

**Prior Application:**

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Serial No. : 09/139,838

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field"  
as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application  
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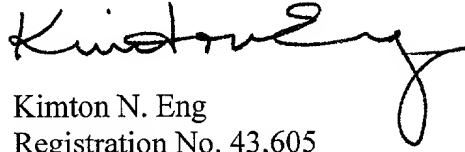
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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-55.

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